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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JOINT HEARING OF EL PASO CITY COUNCIL
AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY HALL, 10TH FLOOR
AUGUST 4, 2004
10:00 A.M.**

The City Council and County Commissioners Court met at the above place and date at approximately 10:20 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John F. Cook, Vivian Rojas and Anthony W. Cobos. Late arrival: City Council Member Paul J. Escobar arrived at 9:32 a.m. Absent City Council Member: Daniel S. Power.

Judge Dolores Briones present and presiding and the following El Paso County Commissioners were present: Charles L. Scruggs, Betti Flores, Miguel A. Teran and Daniel R. Haggerty.

AGENDA

FY2005

***BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE FOR CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT
Wednesday, August 4, 2004	10:00 AM	City-County Health District

*Subject to changes and final approval of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

County Judge Dolores Briones announced that the County would be dissolving the City-County Health and Environmental District by terminating the interlocal agreement with the City and the District. Judge Briones explained that the County is currently facing budget constraints with a \$6 million deficit. Judge Briones added that the County and City would have to redefine relationships and that the County is open for proposals.

Mayor Joe Wardy commented on having to redefine relationships with the County and stated that the County is providing six months' notice as required by the interlocal agreement. He stated that he will be asking the County to maintain the existing level of funding during the six month period, until the end of December 2004.

County Judge Dolores Briones explained that the County is only able to maintain their existing level of funding until September 30, 2004 and would be negotiating the level of funding for October through

December 2004. She stated that they are open to negotiations as they must complete the County's budget shortly.

County Commissioners Teran, Flores, Scruggs and Haggerty commented on the reasons that lead the County to terminate the contract with the City and the Heath District.

Representatives Austin, Cushing, Lozano, Cook and Cobos commented on how unfortunate it is to end the City-County relationship and how the services that the Health District provide could be jeopardized.

Mr. David Almonte, Office of Management and Budget Director, commented and answered questions from Council Members and County Commissioners and stated that the absolute deadline for the completion of the budget is August 19, 2004.

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 10:55 a.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

for *Diana Nunez*
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk